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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Alan  
4 Harold Joens, Sr. of Park Forest, who passed away on March 29,  
5 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Alan Joens, Sr. was born in Chicago on August 14,  
7 1961 to Vernon and Barbara Joens; he graduated from Curie High  
8 School; in 1997 he married Mary Kay Joens and relocated to Park  
9 Forest; and

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WHEREAS, Alan Joens, Sr. served on the board and as a field  
11 director of PONY Baseball and as Chairman of the Park Forest  
12 Baseball League; he was actively involved in youth sports  
13 including coaching, umpiring, refereeing, and fundraising; he  
14 was an avid bowler and enjoyed fishing and anything outdoors;  
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WHEREAS, Alan Joens, Sr. always had a special place in his  
17 heart for individuals with disabilities; in 2012, he created  
18 the first Day of Champions, a day in which children with  
19 various types of disabilities could come out to the ball field  
20 and work with the coaches from Park Forest Baseball; and

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WHEREAS, Alan Joens, Sr. was preceded in death by his

1 parents; and

2 WHEREAS, Alan Joens, Sr. was the beloved husband of 17  
3 years to Mary Kay Joens (nee Graefnitz); the loving father of  
4 Alan Harold Joens, Jr. "A.J."; the dear brother of Vernon  
5 Joens, Jr. and Cindy (Richard) Wendel; the cherished uncle of  
6 Addy Wendel; and the dear son-in-law of William (Marlene)  
7 Graefnitz; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we mourn the passing of Alan Harold Joens, Sr., and extend our  
11 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
12 and loved him; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Alan Joens, Sr. as an expression of  
15 our deepest sympathy.